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A BILL ENTITLED

1 AN ACT concerning

2 **State Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists - Specialized**
3 **Psychological Testing**

4 FOR the purpose of requiring the State Board of Professional Counselors and
5 Therapists to authorize certain individuals who meet certain requirements to
6 administer and interpret specialized psychological testing; establishing certain
7 requirements that an individual must meet to qualify to administer and
8 interpret specialized psychological testing; requiring the Board to establish
9 certain regulations that include certain experience and educational
10 requirements; providing that certain experience and educational requirements
11 can be met in a certain manner; requiring the Board to issue certain individuals
12 a certain certificate; defining certain terms; and generally relating to the State
13 Board of Professional Counselors and Therapists, the practice of clinical alcohol
14 and drug counseling, clinical marriage and family therapy, and clinical
15 professional counseling, and the administration and interpretation of
16 specialized psychological testing.

17 BY repealing and reenacting, with amendments,
18 Article - Health Occupations
19 Section 17-101(c)
20 Annotated Code of Maryland
21 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

22 BY adding to
23 Article - Health Occupations
24 Section 17-101(o) and (p) and 17-3B-01 through 17-3B-04, inclusive, to be
25 under the new subtitle "Subtitle 3B. Specialized Psychological Testing"
26 Annotated Code of Maryland
27 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

28 BY repealing and reenacting, without amendments,
29 Article - Health Occupations
30 Section 17-101(a) and 17-3A-02
31 Annotated Code of Maryland

1 (2000 Replacement Volume and 2003 Supplement)

2 SECTION 1. BE IT ENACTED BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF
3 MARYLAND, That the Laws of Maryland read as follows:

4 **Article - Health Occupations**

5 17-101.

6 (a) In this title the following words have the meanings indicated.

7 (c) (1) "Appraisal" means:

8 (i) Selecting, administering, scoring, and interpreting
9 STANDARDIZED instruments designed to assess an individual's aptitudes, attitudes,
10 abilities, achievements, interests, and personal characteristics; and

11 (ii) Using [nonstandardized] COUNSELING AND THERAPY methods
12 and techniques for understanding human behavior in relation to coping with,
13 adapting to, or changing life situations.

14 (2) "Appraisal" does not include TESTS OR instruments which require
15 specialized psychological training for administration and interpretation [unless the
16 licensed or certified professional counselor has completed training deemed by the
17 Board of Examiners of Psychologists and the State Board of Professional Counselors
18 and Therapists to be equivalent to that of a licensed psychologist who is qualified to
19 administer the same types of instruments].

20 (O) "STANDARDIZED" MEANS THE USE OF CONSISTENT INSTRUCTIONS,
21 MATERIALS, AND ACTIONS TO ENSURE AN INSTRUMENT IS ADMINISTERED IN A
22 PRECISE MANNER REGARDLESS OF THE EXAMINER OR EXAMINEE.

23 (P) "STANDARDIZED TEST" MEANS A TEST THAT IS ADMINISTERED UNDER
24 CONSISTENT CONDITIONS TO A REPRESENTATIVE SAMPLE OF PARTICIPANTS FOR
25 THE PURPOSE OF OBTAINING A MEASURE OF NORMAL OR AVERAGE PERFORMANCE.
26 17-3A-02.

27 (a) To qualify for licensing, an applicant shall be an individual who meets the
28 applicable requirements of this section.

29 (b) The applicant shall be of good moral character.

30 (c) The applicant shall be at least 18 years old.

31 (d) For a license to practice clinical alcohol and drug counseling, the applicant
32 shall have:

33 (1) Met the requirements of § 17-302.3 of this article; and

1 DECISIONS REGARDING CLASSIFICATION, SELECTION, PLACEMENT, DIAGNOSIS, OR
2 INTERVENTION.

3 (C) "SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TEST" MEANS A TEST THAT REQUIRES
4 THE COMPETENT UNDERSTANDING OF THE UNDERLYING THEORY OF THE TEST,
5 FROM WHICH APPROPRIATE, ACCURATE, AND VALID INFERENCES MAY BE DRAWN.

6 (D) "SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING" MEANS EDUCATIONAL AND
7 SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE SPECIFIC TO THE ADMINISTRATION AND
8 INTERPRETATION OF SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS AS REQUIRED BY THE
9 BOARD UNDER § 17-3B-03 OF THIS SUBTITLE.

10 17-3B-02.

11 THE BOARD SHALL AUTHORIZE AN INDIVIDUAL WHO MEETS THE
12 REQUIREMENTS SPECIFIED UNDER THIS SUBTITLE TO ADMINISTER AND INTERPRET
13 SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS.

14 17-3B-03.

15 (A) TO QUALIFY TO ADMINISTER AND INTERPRET SPECIALIZED
16 PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS, AN INDIVIDUAL SHALL:

17 (1) BE LICENSED BY THE BOARD TO PRACTICE:

18 (I) CLINICAL ALCOHOL AND DRUG COUNSELING;

19 (II) CLINICAL MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPY; OR

20 (III) CLINICAL PROFESSIONAL COUNSELING; AND

21 (2) MEET THE SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING
22 REQUIREMENTS DEFINED BY THE BOARD.

23 (B) THE REQUIREMENTS FOR SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TRAINING
24 SHALL:

25 (1) BE ESTABLISHED BY THE BOARD IN REGULATION; AND

26 (2) INCLUDE A MINIMUM OF:

27 (I) 1,200 HOURS OF ASSESSMENT-RELATED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE
28 UNDER THE SUPERVISION OF AN INDIVIDUAL THAT IS LICENSED, AUTHORIZED,
29 QUALIFIED, AND APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO ADMINISTER AND INTERPRET
30 SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS; AND

31 (II) FIVE GRADUATE LEVEL COURSES IN:

32 1. COGNITIVE AND ACHIEVEMENT ASSESSMENT;

33 2. PERSONALITY AND BEHAVIORAL ASSESSMENT;

- 1 3. CLINICAL ASSESSMENT;
- 2 4. APPRAISAL; AND
- 3 5. RESEARCH AND EVALUATION.

4 (C) THE SUPERVISED CLINICAL EXPERIENCE AND COURSE WORK REQUIRED
5 UNDER THIS SECTION MAY BE COMPLETED AS A PART OF OR IN ADDITION TO THE
6 SUPERVISED EXPERIENCE AND GRADUATE COURSE WORK REQUIRED FOR
7 LICENSURE BY THE BOARD UNDER § 17-3A-02 OF THIS TITLE.

8 17-3B-04.

9 (A) THE BOARD SHALL ISSUE A WRITTEN CERTIFICATE FOR THE
10 ADMINISTRATION AND INTERPRETATION OF SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS
11 TO AN APPLICANT WHO MEETS THE REQUIREMENTS OF THIS SUBTITLE.

12 (B) THE CERTIFICATE ISSUED UNDER THIS SECTION SHALL STATE THAT THE
13 APPLICANT IS APPROVED BY THE BOARD TO ADMINISTER AND INTERPRET
14 SPECIALIZED PSYCHOLOGICAL TESTS.

15 SECTION 2. AND BE IT FURTHER ENACTED, That this Act shall take effect
16 October 1, 2004.